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BOOK THE FIRST.

CHAPTER 1.

The writer of this book, after many years of consideration as to whether it was best for him to receive the doctrines of Christ Jesus, or not ; and by fasting and prayer asking all of the invisible Gods and powers to inform him,

2. And show unto him the *true Christ*, and true religion, at last had his prayers answered, and the true Jesus Christ manifested himself to me, as unto His Apostles, with His Father, Mother Mary, and Martha.

3. This encourageth me to receive His doctrine, and to be willing to become a minister of Christ Jesus ;

4. In whom we have redemption through His teachings, principles, and the shedding of His heart's blood.

5. To seal the Divine truth and gospel of salvation for all human souls ; and to lay the foundation of the true government, to be established on earth as in heaven, which is the government of God.

6. For by Him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers.

7. All things were created by Him, and for Him,—He being the head of the body and the church ;

8. Who is the beginning, the first born from the dead ; that in all things He might have pre-eminence.

9. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell. And having made peace, through the blood of the cross, by Him, to reconcile all things unto Himself, —by *Him*, I say,—whether they be things on earth or in heaven.

10. And you, that were sometime alienated, and enemies, in your mind, by wicked works, yet now hath He

reconciled, in the body of His flesh, through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unrepachable in His sight.

11. If ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel, which ye have heard, and which was and is preached to every creature which is under heaven,

12. Whereof I, Chauncey Barnes, am made a minister, who now rejoice in my sufferings for you all ;

13. Being disfranchised from the head of your nation, and from the head of your churches in Boston, New York, Chicago, and many other cities, towns and states, whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God, which is given to me to fulfill the word of God in Christ.

14. Thanks be to high heaven for the mysteries which have been hid for ages and from generations, but now are made manifest to His saints and servants ;

15. To whom God would make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery, among the Gentiles ; which is Christ in you—the hope of glory ;

16. To whom I've preached, warning every man and woman ; teaching mankind in all wisdom, that we may present every man and woman perfect in Christ Jesus,—

17. Whereunto I, also, labor, striving according to His working, which worketh in me, mightily.

18. For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you all, and for my nation that gave me birth.

19. I see that this people are given over to idolatry, and confusion.

20. I therefore pray to God and His Holy Saints, and to all of the ministering angels, that they will join me in the redemption of the nation and humanity, and help establish the true and Divine Order, which is the government of our Lord Jesus Christ, on earth as in heaven.

CHAUNCEY BARNES.

CHAPTER II.

The writer of this epistle has visited all public gatherings—of a reformatory nature—holding the balances of Justice and Mercy,—and yet the people look upon *him* as a very unchristian being; and when he meets with the gatherings, at all of the conventions, after they have declared a platform of *freedom*, and the people have occupied the platform to make their long speeches, of one and a half hours or more,—then, if the writer arises to speak, the platform changes by passing a vote, aloud, to limit speakers to *ten* minutes only! and many times reduced to *five* minutes! Here is wherein all of your religious, political and all reform platforms are being tried. This has seemed very strange to the writer and to his friends. But, as in all ages and generations, God has chosen men as triers, here is wherein *we* are to learn that the stone that the framers and builders have rejected may become the chief-head and the corner! So let us take warning and be aware whom we resist, lest we may be resisting the Spirit of God.

For this reason I take this method in order to put my views and thoughts and principles before this Republic, for the salvation of our nation and humanity,—as it is impossible for me to obtain a hall, church, or even the public parks to preach the truth, as did Christ Jesus. Many times have I been arrested by the police for preaching, as the Spirit of God moved me so to do,—having sold my possessions and given *all* to the poor, and have endeavored to fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ. I do not claim to be perfect, but am in hopes to be more so. The greatest combat I have had is within my own self. For twenty years have been trying to control myself, as to all habits, passions, and the loves of this world, and at last do feel that I can say, before God, angels, and mortals, that I know of nothing in this world that I lust after. Sometimes I have money, sometimes I have none. Sometimes

I get *two* meals a day, sometimes I get *one*. The world is my home, and to do *good* is my *religion*, whilst all mankind are my brethren. I have God enough in my soul to have no respect for churches, parties, or peoples, for *we* did not create or make ourselves. We are creatures of circumstances, forced into this world and forced out of it, and born into another world; unwelcomed here, but are welcomed hereafter; conceived in lust, sin and vice of all kinds; have a great work to do here to work out our salvation in this life. And they that can overcome all of the vices of this life and world shall receive a white stone, with a new name, which will be a passport into the heaven of heavens.

To-day we find the Spirit of God poured out upon all flesh, and all flesh is being quickened to act, that which is uppermost in the mind; thoughts become words, and the powers of God force them into action. Thoughts are seed sown in our garments of life, by the shuttle of time, to bring forth good or evil fruit. As Paul says, "when he would do good, evil is always by,"—and according to the laws of attraction, we attract one or the other, and soon are put into execution. This being the cause why so much of the elements of evil are put into practice all over the land, such as thieving, robbing, and murdering. I would advise all people who are subject to the above bad thoughts to flee into the secret chambers of their souls, in prayer to God, to forgive them, and to help them rise above all such evil impressions. For there are spirits let loose to act out and to work out their salvation; if not in this life, they will in Spirit life. This is one of the main causes of so much of what is called *evil* worked out in and through human beings of to-day. This goes to prove what Jesus said; we have to give an account for every evil and idle word and act of our lives in our daily conversation.

CHAPTER III.

We see the conflicts that are to come between the Bible

and Anti-Bible elements, which will lead to strife, as in past generations, which will result in the shedding of blood. The spirit of anti-bible is determined to rule, and plots are laid to call upon foreign powers to assist, if needs be. This goes to prove what Paul says, "the sons of perdition will rule first." This has already taken place in and among the so called Spiritualists. But out of this contention and confusion there will be a class of reformers and progressionists who will be willing to recognize the principles of Christ as their foundation, socially, religiously and politically, as the true government of God. And we see that the Spiritualists are soon to come over upon the Christ platform, which will teach all creeds and sects their *duty* to God and humanity; which duty is to help the widows and fatherless children, without disgracing them by sending them to the poor-house to cripple their spirits and souls for life eternal. There will be a time when the rich will feel it their duty to hand out their riches to help the poor and needy, for God will show them that they cannot carry it with them, and it will begin to burn their souls and depress their spirits, and they will feel melancholy and in a sinking condition. No doctor nor medicine will be able to relieve them, but they will be constrained to search out the poor and needy, and to relieve their wants and needs; by doing this, they will be relieved. This will be the medicine, and they will be made every whit whole, and their days will be lengthened and fitted for the kingdom of heaven,—to enter into Abraham's bosom, or government of God. If not, will go into torment with the rich man of old. Take your choice, O, ye rich people of this age and generation! for this is the *last warning*. So saith the Spirit of the Lord! *Weep and howl*, for your *miseries* are fast coming upon you. May God have *mercy* on the *rich* is the prayer of the writer.

They will also have it presented to them that it will be a great hindrance to their entering into the kingdom of

heaven—for Christ has told you that it was hard for a *rich* man to enter into the kingdom of God. O, ye *rich*! look at the parable of the *poor* man in Abraham's bosom, and the *rich* man in *torment*, crying and praying to God to let a messenger go and inform his brothers of his condition. The rich man's prayers and cries now have been answered, and God has sent His angel to me, telling me that I must go forth and inform *all* of the *rich* in this world to let go of their possessions all except what they actually *need* for their support, during their allotted time, viz: three score and ten years, and be ye ready to enter into the joys of eternal bliss, where all of your sins are swallowed up in doing good to the poor and needy. You then will see that God has put into your hands earthly treasures for this express purpose in time of need, to deal out to His suffering children at this time, at His will and word. Blessed be it unto him that obeyeth.

CHAPTER IV.

Again, we see the fulfillment of Christ's sayings,—You shall be turned out of the synagogues for my very name's sake. Here we find it to be fulfilled, as I (Chauncey Barnes) have been turned out of the churches and union prayer meetings in Chicago, New York, and even the "pious" city of Boston,—even after they have prayed for the Holy Spirit to come and influence and baptize them; and then, because the Holy Spirit came upon me (Chauncey Barnes) and I fell upon my bended knees in prayer, praying to God that these people might be prepared to receive the Holy Spirit when it did come, they laid hands upon me, in a very rash and harsh manner!—dragged me out into the ante-room, held me in prison, under keepers, until they sent after *three* policemen to carry me away! Such has been *my* treatment in these religious union prayer meetings! I could but say—O, Father, forgive them, for they knew not that Christ had sent me!

And we find the same spirit to-day in churches that Je-

sus did in His days ; so let us forgive them. Then, when the trump sounds, who will be able to stand? Will it not be those who have heeded the advice and obeyed the word? for the word is the law, and the law is of God. Then there are the one hundred and forty-four thousands that are sealed in the foreheads ; they will receive the blessings of the Lord—and righteousness from the God of His salvation to all that are willing to obey, for the mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken and called the earth, from the rising sun to the going down of the same, out of darkness into light—that His people may be judged.

CHAPTER V.

Again, the voice came unto me, saying—write what I present unto thee ; go to now the rich men ; weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you ; your riches are corrupted, and your governments are moth eaten ; your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them is a witness against you, and shall eat out your flesh, as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasures together for the last days. Behold the hire of the laborers, who have reaped down your fields ; which is of you kept back? And to-day God is speaking in and to the laborers of this land, and He will not cease speaking to them, and to quicken them to call for justice, until justice is granted to them. Heed it, ye weak, and tremble, ye strong, for your Ship of State and all institutions are deeply freighted with grief and wrong ! By fraud they cry, and the cries of them which have reached and entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton ; ye have nourished your hearts, as on a day of slaughter ; ye have condemned and killed the just, and He doth not resist you. Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord, which is now. Grudge not one against another, lest ye be condemned ; for none of you can render unto your brother nor give unto God a ransom for him. But the redemption of their

souls is precious, and endureth forever and ever. For God seeth that the wise men did likewise, but the foolish person perishes likewise, and leave wealth for others to quarrel about, and make it a *hell* upon earth. Their inward thoughts are that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations. They call their lands after their own names, to gain crowns of popularity in earth life, and no farther, which dwarfs the soul of man.

Nevertheless, man being in honor abideth not; he is like the beast that perish; this being their folly—yet their posterity approveth their sayings. But God, our Creator, never created *one* of His children to *kill* another,—but as a degenerated race of beings, or, in other words, not unfolded up to manhood, lost sight of God and all the attributes of His divine teachings, have created a God of Pride, Popularity and Selfishness, which has led you into destruction—the God of War predominating over the God of Love! But we see that the God of War has not yet finished his mission—merely changed the conditions a little in which it will manifest itself in a broader and different manner; and then the people of earth will be more willing that God in Christ shall rule, which will unite all of the religious and political institutions, and bring them into one harmonious hive. You then will see your streams of vice begin to dry up, and your implements of war will be worked into ploughshares and pruning-hooks, and army discharged. Prison doors will be opened, and love to God and all mankind will run from soul to soul,—and homes for all the poor of the world. “For the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.”

CHAPTER VI.

ON THE NATIONAL DEBT.

The National Debt, by the Laws of Economy, will be paid. The true qualifications that a man requires to be President, or at the head of any institution, religious or political, are—he should be a man free from all evil habits, such as tobacco, rum, profanity, gambling, &c. ; no property, nor money at interest ; not own land enough to *die* on ; not even a *house* to live in ; not always live in one city or state all of his days. Thus, he would be more apt to be free from all prejudices and selfishness, and be apt to give better satisfaction as a true and faithful servant to the people, as did Jesus and His apostles ; even so might it be with us. Then a true and good government would be the result—and sweet America will be the model nation and example for all nations. And when you are willing that God shall make choice of a man to stand at the head of your nation, he should be after the pattern of a James or a Peter, or a Paul. Such should be the men at the head of all your institutions, and serve as did they. Then prepare for the kingdom of God on earth as in heaven, owning nothing yet possessing all things. Did not Jesus set the example ? Are we not apt to lean on the puny arm of this world, and the God of this world, too much ? Do not our ministers trust more in the money-wallet than in Christ, or God the Father ? Does not pride and the fashions of this world crowd out the Spirit of our Lord ? If a minister has the Spirit of Christ in his soul, he cannot preach for a salary, nor use tobacco, as many of them do, setting the example for others ; nor use intoxicating drinks, not even partake of wine at the Lord's supper, as a mockery of its being his blood—no, never, if they are temperance preachers. What Jesus Christ meant to be understood as to His supper, is this, so he informs me, to inform thee :—If ye are able to put food upon your tables,

then go ye out and ask the poor widows and fatherless children to come in and partake of the bountiful supply of food that the Lord your God and Heavenly Father has so bountifully supplied your tables. This do in remembrance of me, saith the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be blessed. This I will recognize as the Lord's Supper, and no other do I, Jesus Christ, appreciate. Use no wine or strong drink, and say it is by my request.

Neither can they condemn modern Spiritual Religion, until they have tested it, and tried what manner of spirits they are, as Jesus commanded us to do.

O, my dear Brothers and Sisters of Earth! never, no never, did or will you find the true Spirit of Christ under a pile of gold, or silver, or greenbacks, rum or tobacco, pride or selfishness, or creeds, or sects, nor in nor under man's organic laws! Come ye out, therefore, and be under the laws of Christ. Where the spirit of Christ is, there is freedom of thought and speech. O, feed my people, saith the Father of all souls, with the Bread of Life and Liberty of Speech.

CHAPTER VII.

TO THE MINISTERS AND PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST JESUS.

Do they need a house, or lands, or money at interest? Do not we, the people, provide a home for them and their families? And do you suppose that we, the bone and muscle of America, would let them go hungry, or without food or raiment? No, no, by no means! And even so is it with all of your public men in office. And by all means the ministers of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ should be more willing to yield to those teachings than any other class of people. We build large houses for them to preach in; we furnish them a good house to live in. Is this not providing for them, and having the care for them more than we provide for our Lord Jesus and

His Apostles? O, man! where is thy faith in God, your Heavenly Father? Do we, the angels of Love and Mercy, have faith? Pray, make an effort to save your nation and people; buy the truth, and sell it not. Follow Jesus, is our advice—that is, to follow Him, not man, for we are servants to whomsoever we obey.

The Religious Department,—and when you have suffered enough, and are willing that one of My Chosen Servants shall stand at the head of your religious and political institutions, you then will see all of your streams of vice begin to dry up, and will discharge your army, and the implements of war will be beaten into ploughshares and pruning-hooks. Sweet America will then set the example for all nations. And when you can find a man that is imbued with the above principles, free from all earthly possessions, owning nothing, yet possessing all things,—that man is *the* man to stand at the *head* of your nation, and all of your institutions. What could Jesus and His Apostles have done had they owned great possessions? Do you not see the wisdom in their letting go of earthly things? You cannot serve God and mammon. No, never, never! A true man to serve his country and his God cannot own any property, nor have any salary, but food, clothes, and a place to sleep. What does our President need land and houses for? He is provided with a house. Now, in conclusion, we would say—obey the teachings of Jesus Christ; prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good. Read the Book of Revelations, and see if the vials are not being poured out upon the land; and see if Christ has not come with His angels to fulfill his commandment. This modern Spiritual Doctrine is the Coming of Christ,—and thus we see but a few that are ready to believe it! Are you waiting to see Him face to face? Christ has come, but did not find *faith* to hold him but a short time. And again he will come, and see if there is sufficient faith on earth to hold Him longer. His angels have received orders to gather His saints together, and

thus you will see, people will begin to be gathered into tribes all over the land. The people will begin to run too and fro, asking where and which way is best to go,—will be driven out of the cities and Eastern states, and be making towards the South Western directions. Every institution will be sending out apostles to enlighten the people all over the land, and to warn the people that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Great destruction is not far distant from your cities. Boston is yet to suffer,—we dare not say to what extent,—also New York and other cities. But as the warning voice has gone forth, we can do no more than to notify the people of this earth to prepare for the great baptismal fire of God's Divine Truth. Not one stone but what will be turned over,—that is, every institution is to be overthrown and reconstructed anew. The people outside your institutions on earth are far in advance of those that are enclosed within, socially, religiously and politically; and as the streams cannot rise above the fountains, it must needs be of course an overturn of all things to-day as it was eighteen hundred years ago.

PREDICTIONS FOR SEVENTY-TWO.

The within written prediction is for this nation, people, and institutions of all kinds—for an example for all nations, governments and institutions,—a general turn-over, leaving not one stone upon the top of another. Even the high shall be made low. The high steeples are to come down; and destruction upon the sea and land, with the loss of life. You may call these calamities upon the railroads *accidents*; but I tell you *nay*—God knows all things that are and are to be. We are living in the days of *compensation*. If we trespass those laws, it will certainly react, and we will be the sufferer. Justice must rule, and man's works are to be *tried* though as by *fire*. The Prince of the Air goes and comes with His spirit clothed in the dark clouds, and gales of wind. He is doing His work, and has His orders. See thou hurt not the Oil and the Wine. Who is the Oil and the Wine? You will find them to be the *followers of Christ*, with the Word of God sealed in their foreheads—The warning voice from God. We say unto this people that this age and generation God calls upon for sacrifices—from every nation, commencing at America. And as this nation has sacrificed its President, and thousands of the noble sons of our country, and spilled sufficient blood as an atonement for the sins of our government, we can say to-day that the Stars and Stripes that so gracefully wave over our Capitol and Nation belong to those noble sons that have been purchased by their hearts' blood. So we say, that is sufficient as an atonement for the sins of our government. But yet, there is a human or religious sacrifice to be made, by each and every soul, either riches or property, reputation, pride or popularity, and the fashions of the day. This is called for by the Spirit of Almighty God, in and through His servant, Chauncey Barnes.

Progressive Political Government.—Hence, we find in your Congress halls no progress. Each and every man is walled in with a wall of *great-I-am*, selfishness and popularity, and to obtain a great name and become noted with riches, and to rob the government, and lay plots and plans to overthrow the government, and creating enormous taxes for the poor laborer to work out by his daily toil. All this is an abomination in the sight of God, "for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." And for your relief we will say to thee as we say to the religious institutions:—Your government founders come to their own and they are not received. Your Washingtons, Jeffersons, Jacksons, Adamses, Penns, Harrisons, Clays and Websters, Wesleys, Murrays and George Foxes come to you to assist you and warn you of your condition, and you heed them not.

You have turned them out of your Congress halls and churches; called in the police to arrest the fathers of your country, and the framers of your constitution, and to make prisoners of them! "O, ye ignorant people, wise in your own conceit!" The same God that framed the constitution in their day and generation, or age, is now ready to give forth a higher constitution, in the same like manner, upon a freer basis, and a more Christ-like government, which will lift up your institutions, and establish a government of Divine Principles, that will bring forth the long looked for Millenium, and will beat the implements of war into ploughshares and pruning-hooks. All this will come forth in and through great trials and tribulations. A mighty struggle is yet to be about the Bible. The line will be drawn. The Foreign Powers are making preparations to over-rule this people and nation. The seed is sown; the bible will be the wedge to drive. Look ye well to it. O, my beloved country! the day is drawing nigh when the mighty struggle will be on the land and on the high sea! Prepare, O ye, prepare, for your redemption draweth nigh! God, your Creator, asks you why.

WHAT IS PROGRESSION?

By the Laws of Progress, it is Life, it is Heaven, it is Happiness and Health. According to the Laws of Progress, mankind cannot stay in their old condition no more than a chicken can stay in the egg. For when the chicken gets its head out of the shell, it shakes its head, and cannot enter into the shell again. No more can mankind who progress out of their old conditions of creeds, sects or isms of the past. Hence, we see the human family progressing out of their old towns, cities, states, and gradually moving towards the West. So you will, ere long, see the old Eastern States barren and cold, frozen over, as it were, with the deadly element of stagnation, for the want of the Spirit of Life and Progress. Even your National Capitol will take its flight towards the Pacific coast, and all of the true and progressive beings will be on their way towards the Far West, where they will live and develop into higher conditions of life and reform, religiously, politically, and socially; for mankind is naturally a moral and a social being. The Eastern States will become like prisons to the progressive beings, and will be troubled to draw a long breath, and will drop suddenly, when the doctors will say, "heart disease," when it is not. Again, according to the laws of progress, we find that all of your ministers of the Gospel of Christ Jesus will, and shall go forth and preach His gospel as He did. Follow me even as I follow Christ. No preacher will be allowed to preach the gospel of Christ for any stipulated price. We do proclaim this from the house-tops of our inmost soul. And after sufficient warnings have been given, if they heed it not, the Angel will have orders and power to thrust in the sickle and they shall be removed by death. The weeds from the garden of Christ will be removed, for you have heaped up treasures for the last days,—yes, treasures of gold and silver. Nay, wood and stubble, which is pride, popularity and selfishness! Ye have ground the faces of

the poor down deeper and deeper into the mire of degradation, until their testimony rises up against you, as a strong evidence of your false doctrines and teachings. Had you received the teachings of Christ, to try the Spirits of what sort they are, your nation would not have had to pass through the Red Sea, as it has ; but Christ Jesus came, as He told you He would, like a thief in the night, and you knew Him not. Your John Wesleys, Martin Luthers, John Murrays, and John Lelands, and George Foxes, Ann Lees, and all the founders of all your institutions, came to their own, and they knew them not,—“weighed in the balance and found wanting.”

Even so it was with the founders and framers of your Constitution of America, after the long and tedious struggle with the old conditions. According to the laws of progress, there were a few advanced minds and souls that God spoke to, saying, “Leave the old country and people for the promised land of Zion, where milk and honey flow, and where you can have your freedom.” Then, of course, a struggle with the old shell—chicken like—held on to the progressive elements, and a war followed. Our forefathers fought for their liberty, and planted a foundation and Constitution ; for then, it was well for them, the best and greatest and purest in the known world. They did the best they could, after sprinkling their hearts’ blood for us, and writing a Constitution, framing it as best they knew how, whilst the very heavens showed unto them a Banner of Stars and Stripes, which was emblematic of victory and peace. Wisdom had not as yet become developed in human flesh sufficiently to see into the distant future. The Jewish and Mosaic dispensations had not let go of them, for the very reason that they did not follow the advice of this great teacher, Jesus Christ, instead of their own selfish god of power and force. Thus we find your Constitution given forth under the influence it was, which foundation was upon *Slavery*.

Hence you now see what it has cost to abolish slavery, and for God to give birth to a higher order of things, and to better our condition under the old constitution for the present age. The people demand; God will grant it; for where two or three come together in My name and ask what ye will, it shall be granted unto you. Thus says the Spirit of the Lord, God; even so it shall be with you of this age. A breaking up of old conditions, the social, religious and political institutions; disturbance in the churches; unusual religions introduced,—religious war about the Bible—the Spirit entering the Churches—men and women doing as they have a mind, regardless of the marriage law; determined not to be chained and shackled together by any laws, save the laws of love and adaptation, which are the laws of God. Come together and marry themselves, and by the same law will be separated. People will take the laws of force into their own hands, breaking up the political parties, the third and fourth party coming out of all, and establishing a Union People's Association of Principles. Monopoly will come down. No more party politics, no Presidents to be elected by parties, but men of divine principles, in favor of the labor reform; the laboring people will begin to get their eyes open. There is land a plenty for every poor family—houses and money a plenty. God's Saints are to inherit the earth, and to establish the government of Christ with one hundred and forty-four thousand. The Roman powers will begin to put forth their feelers; trouble with Europe and foreign nations; an effort to run Jeff. Davis into office; earthquakes in the West; tremendous heavy gales; the sun will not give forth his brilliant light; great temperance excitement all over the country, with religious revivals,—in fact, an unusual pouring out of the Spirit of God. To carry it out let us be more prayerful and thoughtful in our daily walks of life; people are more sensitive to-day than ever before, and this explains the cause of their being so much thieving and murdering all over our

land, and will become worse and worse until the true government is established.

ESSAY ON PEACE.

The best essay on peace is to establish the laws of God in Christ Jesus at the head of all governments, constitutions and principalities; then you have a pure foundation. The stream cannot rise above the fountain. We therefore would say, in love and goodness to all nations and governments, adopt the government of Christ,—then you become dead to the government of man. The laws of man judge man—Christ judges no man. The laws of men punish men—Christ forgave men. The laws of men deal out hatred to humanity, and strife and war with nations, whilst Christ gave love to all nations, and love to those that hate you and curse you. The laws of men produce divisions and discord, whilst the laws of Christ healed disease and raised the dead; and He promised that we could do it if we followed Him. It was the laws of men that crucified Christ, and since then, crucified millions of men, and led enmity, strife and unhappiness to the world, thus leading man down to death and destruction, and from heavenly things, and away from the teachings of Christ. Who, then, is the Anti-Christ of the present and the past? The Church and the State, law makers and law breakers, appear to be such, all over the world. But to the thinking man, these things must be before we can come to Christ's governments. It directs just what is yet to be at the head of all governments. Man's laws and commands we have got to pass through long before we can come to the glories of true christianity.

Passing through the laws of man and man's governments, it gives him an opportunity to look deeper into the mysteries of God; gives him a closer conception of the same, and a broader sympathy is gained by the sorrows, suffer-

ings and laws of men, and shows up the true christianity of the past and present, which will carry man far above the need of meeting houses, prison houses, battle fields and scaffolds : above and beyond the need of all the mandates of the Church and State that have afflicted the world. By sowing and cultivating the seeds of sin and crime, all this is owing to man's own selfishness created by his own selfish laws and creeds. In this condition of selfishness there is yet no sympathy, no clemency, no mercy, no love, for others ; it is all for self, which makes a selfish government, and which is created out of man's selfish nature. In the condition of real christianity there is clemency, mercy and love for others the same as for self, and in this condition man loves to do by others as he would have others do by him.

Man is yet totally ignorant of the power of the Golden Rule of Christ, when put into practice to move man individually and collectively : to influence, direct and govern the world. This is a hidden mystery to the school of man, but not to the school of Christ. Sooner or later the unhappiness of one will be recognized unhappiness to all, and the happiness of one will be the happiness of all. As we can see this demonstrated all over the world, by the late war that has been poured upon America, all nations have been afflicted by the laws of sympathy ; therefore, let us learn that man at his own devices will be lacerated and torn till his soul and feelings are reached to feel what Christ felt,—compassion and forgiveness for the world. Man in progress must go down, down, from self excellence ; down from self righteousness ; down to the level of common humanity ; down to the valley of humility ; down, down, to the Cross of Christ, and there kneel to learn the lessons—"I am no better than my brother man," etc. Even so is it with all nations, governments, constitutions and principalities. Our country of America has suffered a four years' bloody war, father against son and son against father on the battlefield of death, which is the fruits of the laws of

man. The laws of man caused this war, and a million of men have lost their lives ; another million of men have sacrificed their prosperity and success in life ; and many millions have been made mourners,—so we see that the laws of nations make the wars of nations. It was human law that created and supported human slavery, and destroyed it, too,—but yet, like the tail of a serpent, is not dead, from the very fact that they did not go to work at the head of slavery. So we see on the land and on the sea, everywhere, the laws of men compel toiling Democracy to feed elegant Aristocracy, in public and in private ; in social and in domestic life ; and speaking thus : “I am better than thou !” It is human law that brings suffering to the poor. In the temple and government of Christ there shall be no aristocracy, no democracy, no rich, no poor, no thieves, no murderers, no prisons, no implements of war.

BOOK THE SECOND.

A CHAPTER UPON GOD'S BOOK.

We recognize the Bible to be *God's Book*, for every man, woman and child to understand for themselves, in order that each one may know the Lord. We do not deem it necessary for man to go to college in order to understand God's Book, other than the same college that Jesus and His disciples went to be taught by angels. We look, also, upon modern spiritual doctrines to be God's Book for all earth's children to look into and read for themselves, in order that each man and woman may know and understand for themselves, and even learn their little children that *God* is all *love*, and that Jesus Christ teaches little children to love one another, and asks them to come unto him, for such is the kingdom of God, and that angels watch over them,—also teaching us that Christ has come with His holy an-

gels and glorified spirit to establish His government on earth as in heaven.

We therefore know that our departed friends are around us, and do influence us for good and give us knowledge of immortality. This spiritual doctrine is God's Book, and harmonizes and proves the Bible to be God's Book, and one proves the other.

We also see that the Cardiff giant is another of God's Books for all mankind to go and read for themselves—not for one man to say what it is because he has been blessed with a book knowledge, and is a professor of art and science. We find by looking into God's Book there were men educated eighteen hundred years ago in a fishing boat, who knew almost as much as men who are educated in these colleges and being taught by man. We begin to think that God and His angels, and Jesus Christ and His disciples, can educate men to-day who will be able to understand all mysteries as well as those men who are taught by man's books. We therefore deem it our privilege to look into every mystery that man fails to understand, and consider it as one of God's Books, and we find that God has got many, yea, very many books.

We find that the devil has got some of the mysteries that man fails to understand laid to him, even those we look upon as being God's Books. We can look into God's Books and find that giants were once upon the face of this earth; but man wants to inform us that His Book says not. O, let us all look and read for ourselves, and come together and reason with each other, not trusting altogether in what man says, thinking that he knows more about God by going to college and having his bottle filled with the letter and old wine, leaving no room for the new wine. We find to-day many, yes, very many deep mysteries that baffle the art and skill of gigantic mind of man to solve, but do not lay all such things as being the works of the devil. Do let us have a little common sense and brain, and

set them at work, and you all will know more ; this world is a school house, and we earth mortals are the scholars.

NEAR AT HAND.

The time of Revelation is even at our doors, when the words shall be fulfilled, "*I make all things new.*"

The angel of Christ again speaks, and says to me—"write, write," and I write:—The words of Christ are faithful and true. He will give unto him who is thirsty the water of life freely ; to him who overcometh, the inheritance of all things. In his gospel he has given a government for all the people—a government of love, which government is soon to take the place of our present government—socially, religiously and politically.

Welcome the day when our people shall be governed by love instead of hatred.

The angel of Christ came to me and said—Go out and cry aloud ; proclaim to all the people that the government of Christ is to be established ; all old governments are to pass away ; all things are to be made new. There is to be a revolution, which is already commenced in the religious, social and political affairs of men all over the earth, but first in the United States shall it be established.

Light shall come first in the heart. Through the love of the heart departed friends shall be recognized, and communion between the visible and invisible world shall be common to all. Freedom shall commence, and slavery shall cease. War shall be no more, and peace shall reign. The implements of war shall be turned into ploughshares and pruning-hooks. Monopolies shall cease, and prison doors shall be opened. The poor and needy shall have homes and comforts ; the poor shall be blessed, and the rich go backward and downward.

Let the rich take warning, for their peril is imminent. I am called and commanded to *admonish* all God's people

to prepare for what is speedily coming upon you—famine, pestilence, plagues and earthquakes.

Cultivate the spirit of love, and go after the light that shines therefrom.

To establish a new government on the earth Christ has sent His Spirits and Ministering Angels forth, and I say unto you, woe shall be unto those who turn them away. Christ says try the Spirits what manner of Spirits they are of, “prove all things and hold fast that which is good,” for there are all manner of Spirits at work. If we believe that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, we are of God, if not, we are of that anti-Christ which is spoken of and is at your doors, at work all over your land to overthrow the Spirit of Truth; this we find to be the case in all of your religious and political institutions, and here is wherein your people have been fighting against God, and against Christ and His Angels. Therefore, let us come together and reason upon these things and see for what purpose the Almighty has placed us here. We put bits into horses’ mouths that they may obey us, and we turn about the whole body. We behold the ships, which, though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm whithersoever the governor direct them to go. Even so the human tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth, and the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beast, and of bird, and of serpent, and of thing in the sea is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind, but the human tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Therewith, bless God even our Heavenly Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursings. My brethren, these things ought not to be. Therefore, let us see if the time is not fulfilled when we

should do better. I warn thee, O ye people of earth, to repent of these things !

The World will be the Better for It.

When man shall keep the great command,
 Loving the same himself and neighbor,
 When each shall gain their rights to land,
 To live and learn, to love and labor,
 When right shall rule, when purity
 Brings peace on earth with naught to mar it,
 When all shall be equal and free,
 The world will be the better for it.

When all care less for crowns of gold,
 Laying up treasures more by giving,
 To feed the hungry, poor and cold,
 And teach them temp'rate ways of living,
 When men of wealth are more inclined
 To buy the truth, and not ignore it,
 When all mankind prize worth of mind,
 The world will be the better for it.

When men care less for gin and rum,
 And less for wine, ale, beer and brandy,
 For nostrums which the nerves benumb,
 For poison drugs, with pills of candy,
 When men shall eat the purest food,
 Refuse tobacco, and abhor it,
 When reasons ken shall govern men,
 The world will be the better for it.

When men care less for what folks say,
 Taking more care to curb their passions,
 When women shall refuse to pay
 Allegiance unto foreign fashions,
 When stays and strings no more compress
 Her form divine, to cramp and mar it,
 When all care less for show and dress,
 The world will be the better for it.

When men care less for forms and creeds,
 And less for *proud* priests and their preaching,
 When men serve Christ by noble deeds,
 And hearken to His spirit's teaching,
 When men shall own and love the truth,
 And never crucify and scar it,
 When all shall know, a heaven below,
 The world will be the better for it.

When paradise on earth is gained,
 And converse held with seraph wardens,
 When *homes for all* have been obtained,
 Where pure love dwells in peaceful gardens,
 Where *working men* shall dress the earth
 Till golden grains and fruits bend o'er it,
 When all the poor, sweet homes secure,
 The world will be the better for it.

A PRAYER OF BARNES.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul and my nation, O Thou, my God; save Thy servants that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul for the salvation of this people and my nation, for Thou, O Lord God, art good and ever ready to forgive and to help those that ask of Thee.

I have asked of Thee, O Lord, in days of trouble, and Thou hast heard me, O God. Save my nation; let it be an example for all governments and nations and kingdoms, and establish thy kingdom on earth as in heaven.

Among all the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord, neither are there any works like unto Thy works, neither are there any governments like unto Thy government, O Thou Most High. May this generation begin to see Thy Divine government on this earth as it is in heaven.

May all nations whom Thou hast made come unto Thee and worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name and

Thy government. Teach me, O Lord, Thy way. I will praise Thee and Thy name forever, for great is Thy mercy toward me. Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell, O God ; the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul : to rise up against me in all of their temples of worship ; but Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion and long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me and have mercy upon me ; give Thy strength unto Thy servant to do good. Show me a token for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed ; because Thou, O Lord, hast helped me and comforted me in my advanced age.

Again, O Lord, we see and behold the corruptness and evils and darkness in all of our institutions upon earth, and as we have appealed to Thee from time to time, we know, O Lord, Thou hast shown unto us how we can better the conditions of our race and establish a better state of society, socially, religiously and politically, and we trust, O Thou God of love and truth, we may have it put forth, and begin Thy Divine government on earth as in heaven, and to Thee we will ascribe all honor, glory and praise, now and forever and forever, is the prayer of Chauncey Barnes. Amen.

PRAYER TO THIS PEOPLE.

O Thou God of nations, Thou hast taught us to look to Thee, and to Thee only, for salvation.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress : my God, in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snares of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence that is to come.

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust ; His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flieth by day ; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness ; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon day. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand ; but it shall not come nigh thee.

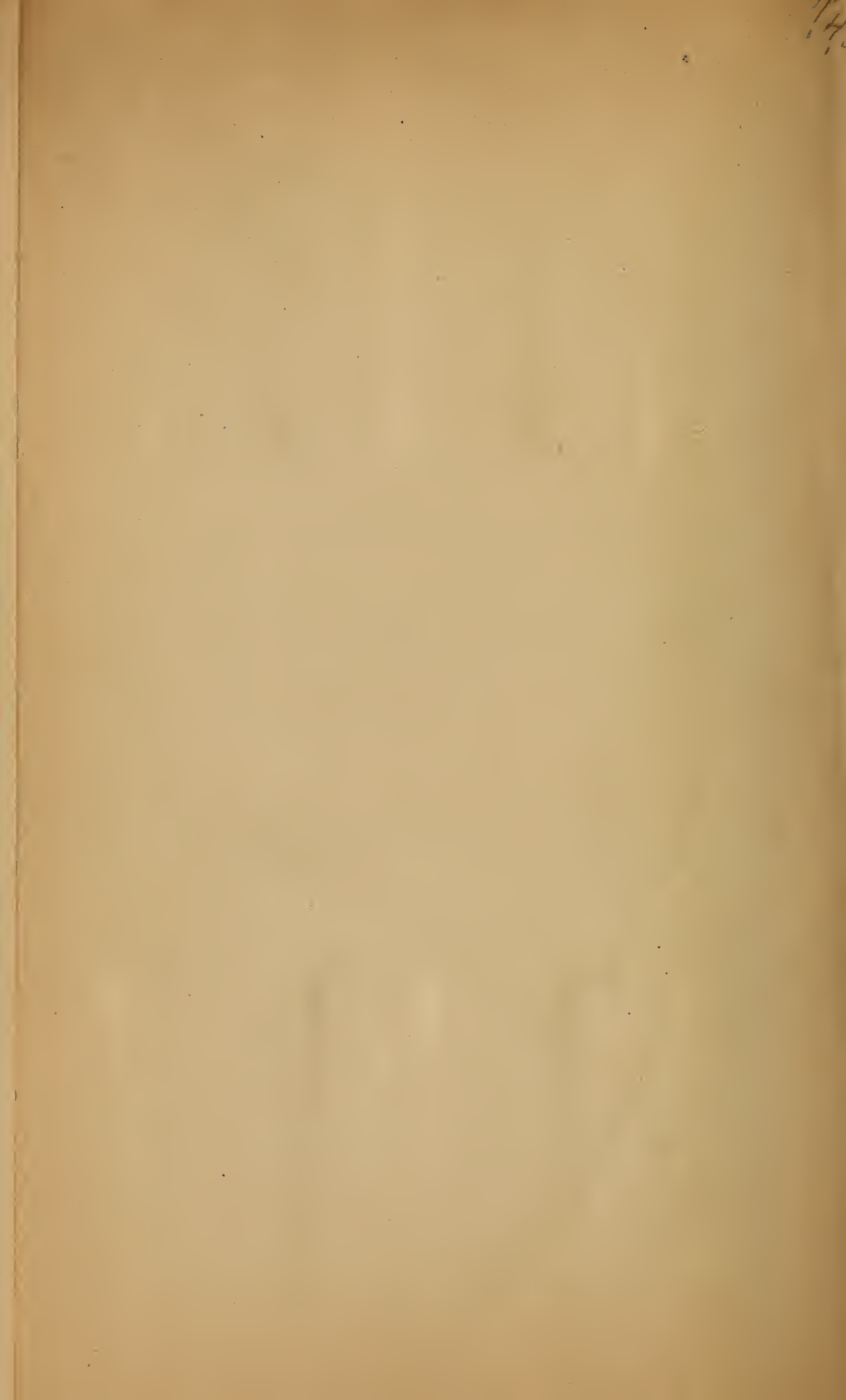
Only with thine eyes shalt thou see the reward of the wicked, because thou hast put thy trust in thee, Most High God.

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling, for He shall give charge unto His angels to watch over thee, to keep thee in all of thy ways.

Because He hath set His love upon me, therefore will I deliver Him and His people and nation, and will set Him and His nation on high for an example for all people and all nations, because He hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer Him. I will deliver Him and be with Him in trouble, and honor Him. With a long life will I satisfy Him and show Him my salvation, because He puteth trust in me, saith the Lord.

All ministers, preachers, and all leading men and women are to follow me even as I aim to follow, Christ Jesus.

We see that human life is but a stream, and the ripple of the present moment is soon *lost* in the *wave* of the succeeding fractions of time; thus continually beating against the shores of immortality, it fills us with longings for its heaven of rest.



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